



# Washington State Department of **General Administration**

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## **Our Services**

General Administration (GA) is the main support agency for state government. We manage the planning, construction, and remodeling of state facilities all over Washington. We are the stewards of the State Capitol Campus. We deliver mail, provide motor pool vehicles, and lease space for public facilities. We develop contracts for goods and services used by state agencies and local governments.

## **Reviewing Parking Charges on the Capitol Campus**

GA is responsible for the GA-owned and managed parking facilities here on the Capitol Campus. These include the Plaza Garage, Columbia Street Garage, and surface lots on the East and West Campus.

We're required by law to charge for parking on campus (RCW 43.08.172). The law also requires us to take into account local market rates for parking, to reduce subsidization of employee parking, and to help meet commute trip reduction goals.

GA is mainly a fee-for-service agency. Our funds come from the fees we charge for our services. GA last raised parking rates for the Capitol Campus in 1992. The proposed parking rate increase is intended to bring parking revenues closer to the actual cost of providing parking services.

## **★ Some Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How much will rates increase?**

- We expect rates for zoned and leased spaces to increase by \$5 per month.

### **Will this increase cover all the costs of parking services?**

- This increase will bring parking revenues closer to the actual cost of providing parking services. However, future increases may be needed. We are working to create a consultation process to involve parkers in future rate decisions.

### **Why do some employees in other state offices get free parking?**

- In some places, parking is included as part of the building lease. In others, employees pay to park in private lots or garages. GA is required by law to charge for parking services on the Capitol Campus.

### **How can you raise fees when employees get no cost of living increases?**

- As state employees, we also share the concerns about no pay raises and rising health-care costs. But we must also cover our costs to provide services. We are striving to achieve a fair and balanced outcome.

### **Will this rate increase help improve enforcement and maintenance?**

- We recognize the concerns that recent budget and staff cutbacks have generated. We intend to apply some of the increase to maintenance and parking enforcement.

### **What have you done to make parking services more efficient?**

- In recent years we have trimmed staff levels and streamlined permitting and accounting processes to reduce costs.

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